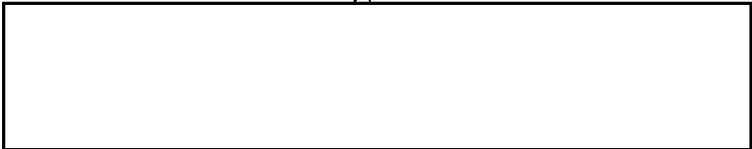


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NOTE FOR THE FILE

The undersigned spoke with Mr. John Siebert, Department of Justice, who is currently reviewing for the Administration our proposed amendments to the Federal Tort Claims Act (H. 9219 and S. 2117).

Mr. Siebert said he would get back to me on Monday, but that it was everyone's feeling that all work on the bill was for naught, as the likelihood of consideration and passage this session by either House was next to nil. This is especially so as neither the full Senate nor House Judiciary Committee has yet marked up the bill.



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25X1 29. [] LIAISON Howard Liebengood, Legislative Assistant in the Office of the Minority Leader of the Senate, called in connection [] and asked if I 25X1 would check to see whether Senate Minority Leader Howard Baker (R., Tenn.) should be updated. Subsequently, this was closed out by referring Liebengood to the coverage in the NID, which is available to him in the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence offices.

25X1 30. [] LIAISON [], DIA, 25X1 called and said that DIA would be debriefing [] con- 25X1 cerning his alleged sightings of MIA's in Saigon around 1975.

25X1 31. [] Ron Tammen, Legislative Assistant to Senator William Proxmire (D., Wis.), called on behalf of an acquaintance of the Senator's who believes he 25X1 has some important information concerning covert activities in Africa which he would like to share with the Agency. Arrangements were made []

25X1 32. [] LEGISLATION Spoke with Mr. Michael Wenk, at the Department of Justice, who stated that a meeting with Senator Ernest Hollings (D., S.C.), had still not been arranged, but that every effort is being made to do so before Monday, 11 September, when conference on the Justice Appropriations bill is scheduled.

25X1 33. [] LEGISLATION Spoke with Mr. Park Stearns, FBI Congressional Liaison, regarding the Federal Tort Claims Act amendments. Mr. Stearns advised that mark-up on H.R. 9219 is tentatively scheduled for 12 September. As we continue to have problems with the bill, however minor, we will cover the mark-up session.

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On 30 August 1978 the undersigned spoke with Mr. Bob Carlstrom, OMB, regarding the status of our earlier submitted proposed amendments to the Federal Tort Claims Act. He said he would check into it and call me back.



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